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LYRE



TREE

WILLIAM CAHALIEN CLAIMED BY DEATH

Had Been Superintendent of Grounds and Buildings for Years

William Cahalien, superintendent of grounds and buildings of this college, died at his home on campus Easter Sunday morning, April 4, after a lingering illness of about four months. His death was caused by heart trouble.

The deceased was 55 years old at the time of his death, and had been at St. Stephen's college for over 30 years. He started as a workman on the grounds and later became superintendent of the grounds and buildings. Mr. Cahalien had seen class after class come and go from St. Stephen's, and was highly esteemed, not only by them, but also by the present student body and faculty.

In speaking of the deceased, Father Bell said, "He was without doubt, the best man I have ever known, he was the soul of honor and honesty, and absolutely truthful in all things. He lived for the college, and never thought of his work in terms of pay."

Mr. Cahalien is survived by his wife and two children.

The funeral was held on Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock. The services were in charge of President Bell; Dr. Lawrence Cole, former head of this institution; Chaplain Crosby, and Father Garnier. Interment was in the private cemetery, adjacent to the college.

MRS. GERALD LEWIS HEADS CONFERENCE

For 10 days, beginning June 30, there will be a conference held here at St. Stephen's for men and women. It is to be held for the purpose of discussing religious problems connected with education, social service, and missions. This gathering will be similar to that which has been held both at Wellesley and at Hobart for the last few years. This conference, held for the last four years at Princeton, was moved because our campus seemed better adapted for the purpose. Mrs. Gerald Lewis, a resident of Beacon and wife of an alumnus of this college, will be the chairman of the committee for the conference.

As about 190 are expected to attend, the old chemistry laboratory and the top floor of Ludlow Hall will be arranged as dormitories. Mrs. Kuyk and the house staff will remain on duty until July 15.

FAULTS OF AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL POLICIES DISCUSSED IN ARTICLES

[In this issue of the Lyre Tree there appears the first of a series of articles which will deal with the faults of American educational policies. The article this week concerns itself with administrative problems. In the next issue college curricula will be touched upon.]

One hears much of late of student agitation against compulsory military training, compulsory chapel, inefficient instruction, the railroading of inspiring and competent professors, compulsory courses, arbitrary methods of administrators, etc., etc. Are these murmurings sporadic and capable of being localized and treated accordingly, or is all this unrest organic in nature, arising from causes deeper than the surface indications? If we but boldly face the fact that the modern state is both widely and intimately intertwined with the forces that make or mar life, and take into account the further fact that it

represents the modern industrial and economic order, especially its leaders, and that it therefore gravitates toward economic imperialism, we shall not, I believe, delude ourselves for an instant that the latter and not the former is the case. What does it mean if we except the sovereignty of such a state as an ethical principle? First, we must sanctify massed selfishness and mass greed; second, permit ourselves to act corporately upon principles that we condemn privately, and finally we must surrender ethical authority over ourselves to any government officials who happen at the moment to be able to determine what the sovereign state shall do or refrain from doing.

Such ethical assumptions have seeped through our whole American society, the colleges included. The question is often raised, "Have we not the right to look to the colleges for

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PREXY WILL PREACH AT HOBART THIS WEEK-END

Father Bell is to leave Saturday to attend the celebration of Founder's Day at Hobart college. Each year some prominent educator is asked to address the student body at this occasion and to speak on some phase of education. Dr. Bell's subject is to be "Certain Educational and Administrative Problems of a Small College."

Father Bell plans to stay over until Sunday night both in order to preach at Trinity Church on Sunday morning and also to speak again to the students at their evening service.

SIGN YOUR NAME

Students who plan to attend the spring dance are asked to affix their signature to the notice on the bulletin board in Preston Hall. The dance committee cannot proceed with its plan until a sufficient number of men have signed their names. More than 60 are needed. Only 40 have signed. Don't wait until the last moment. Wield the pencil the next time you enter Preston. Also don't forget the necessary five dollars.

QUARANTINE FOUND NECESSARY BECAUSE OF SCARLET FEVER

Under Order Students Are Not Allowed to Leave Campus For a Week

FIVE CASES REPORTED

What is said to be a modified form of scarlet fever appeared on campus last Sunday, March 28, and since then five students have been isolated for treatment and a number of others have been put under strict surveillance. The first one to go down under the affliction was E. W. Young of Sidney, N. Y., and following close upon his confinement were the three others: W. Zisch of Utica, N. Y., N. Seckel of Boston, Mass., and C. Matice of Johnson City, N. Y. With the isolation of the fourth student, it became evident that the college was fated for quarantine. The order which brought this about was published on April 3 by Dr. Barton Cookingham, the college physician. It read as follows:

CONCERNING SCARLET FEVER

"There are four cases of scarlet fever in isolation at present. These cases are all very light. While there is no reason whatever to feel unduly excited or distressed, it is necessary to remember that everybody on the campus has been exposed to the disease. For those who have had the disease there need be no confinement to the campus by way of quarantine; but in order to obey the law as well as to safeguard the neighbors it is necessary that no one on campus who has not had the disease should visit any house in the neighborhood, or visit the village or any neighboring town or city for a period of one week from today. In case any further case develops, this period will have to be extended for one week from the date such new cases may appear."

"No one will wish to visit his home during this time, as he may have been exposed and will endanger the health of his friends and family if he should go away."

Since the posting of this notice, the fifth student was placed in confinement, following a day or two of observation: Thomas Cox, of Dallas, Texas.

The situation at present is one about which the doctor and the nurse suffer serious anxiety. The doctor believes that if the quarantine regu-

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PROFESSOR PACKARD WILL LEAVE S. S. C.

Resignation From Faculty Effective Next Fall.

Alpheus A. Packard, assistant professor of mathematics and physics, has tendered his resignation from the faculty of this college, to take effect at the conclusion of the present term. While he has not yet chosen a future position, it is probable that he will go to Boston, where he has one or two openings in mind.

Before entering upon his work here as a member of the faculty, Professor Packard occupied a similar position at Syracuse University where he was located for four years. However, his real life-work has been engineering, particularly naval engineering, and for 15 years he was an engineer and manager of such businesses. One of the most important positions held by Professor Packard was that of general superintendent of the Herreshoff Manufacturing Company, yacht builders located at Bristol, R. I. Here the "Columbia," twice winner over the Lipton boats in the international cup races, was built from working drawings made by him.

Professor Packard was in business for himself for some time, turning out over two hundred boats. One of these was the Boston Floating Hos-

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FAREWELL

It is with deep regret that the Lyre Tree has recorded the death of William Cahalien, superintendent of grounds.

Mr. Cahalien began his duties with the college in 1887 and up until within a short time of his death was very active about the campus. He was courteous, industrious and obliging to everyone. In his round of duties he found a keen pleasure and his frank and cordial personality gained for him many friends. Mr. Cahalien will be missed by all who knew him.

CO-OPERATION NEEDED

We have set ourselves a task. We have pledged our loyalty to that task and it is a manly one. Our loyalty demands that we endeavor to build up once more, if indeed we have shattered it, our faith in St. Stephen's, in our leaders. We were beginning to taste the first sweetness of a real college spirit when the faulty structure of our disciplinary system came crashing down upon our heads. For a time the situation looked very serious, for many of our best students and athletes were inclined toward migration to a locality not subject to tornadoes.

We are speaking to the students now, for we have made clear our position to the rest of the college. We feel that what we are saying is made possible by the solid structure of our unity. We carried on our controversy with the college officials in a gentlemanly, statesmanlike manner, spurned descendency to mob passion, and refused with the same firmness the destruction of property that we refused to concede to unreasonable overtures. The time has now come for further discretion and renewed courage. We must use discretion toward those among us who feel inclined to capitulate against the vote of the majority we must use courage to persuade the dissatisfied that we of the majority are on the side of right. We must "carry the message to Garcia" and show the whole wide academic world that what we have won we shall use for our own welfare. Our welfare is not individual; it concerns St. Stephen's College.

FAILURE

It is unlikely that there are many who will recall the words of President McCracken when a Vassar student committed suicide in her room at the college. "We have failed in our duty toward our sister" were in effect the president's words. It was a harsh self-indictment and the sincere utterance of a man who believed that had the college fulfilled its fundamental duty to the student the tragedy would have been averted.

What have we, all of us, members of the community of St. Stephen's College to say in self-defense when we recall the recent unfortunate situation of one of our college brothers? Shall we dismiss the error we committed toward our brother by asserting that in the future we shall try to help such a person? It is a step in the right direction, but it is not enough, for we were at fault in turning him, an outcast, upon the world. Obviously, to excuse ourselves so weakly is to brand ourselves guilty of a social crime, for not one of us is any better than our hapless fellow, and given the same punishment for such a normal transgression, i. e., that of breaking probation in such an isolated territory, we should behave no wit better. To place a man on probation at St. Stephen's is to proclaim to the world that we have neither the brains nor the sympathy to deal wisely with offenders against our community. Henceforth, it is the duty of the administrators of discipline, of the spiritual leaders of the college, of the student body, to devise some method whereby any one of us, however refractory, may be assimilated into the fellowship of human beings no wiser, perhaps more foolish, than himself.

"AMERICAN MERCURY"

News from Boston informs us that on complaint of Rev. J. Frank Chase, head of the Massachusetts Watch and Ward society, the April number of the "American Mercury" is to be suppressed in that state and if any effort

is made to sell the magazine, H. L. Mencken, editor, will be placed under arrest. When advised as to what had happened Mencken rushed to Boston from New York and after having received a permit from the Boston police to sell newspapers and periodicals proceeded to Park and Tremont streets where he sold a copy of the Mercury to the Rev. Mr. Chase. If Mencken is to be tried we hope that he will be acquitted. Why do ministers concern themselves with problems outside of the church? Action was taken by the society on the grounds that a story in the magazine was "immoral and unfit for publication."

FAILURE OF STUDENTS BLAMED ON COLLEGES

Responsibility for dropping from ten to twenty per cent of the students enrolled in every consecutive class has been placed squarely at the door of American universities by Dr. Arthur H. Ruggles, just appointed psychiatrist and mental hygiene consultant at Yale. He struck the keynote of the discussion at the recent annual banquet of Sigma XI, the leading scientific society of the colleges of America. In an address which sounded doctrine little less than revolutionary in the educational world, he declared that the universities accept the grave burden when they allow students to enter their doors and within a year turn them out because of failure to reach a specified stand. He added:—

"Mental maladjustment is, in most cases, the primary cause for the failure. Prospective students are given an examination which, if passed, indicates that the student has a sufficient amount of brains. Yet at the end of the first year many of these students are dropped because of failure to grasp what is being taught them. Is this the fault of the university or of the student? Mental hygiene work being done in various colleges has shown that not only many of the failures to complete the educational program, but also much of the mediocre performance that we witness is the result of mental maladjustment."

Professor F. G. Swann, director of the Sloane Physics Laboratory, was toastmaster at tonight's Sigma XI banquet, while its brother scholarship society, Phi Beta Kappa, in the academic department was represented by Professor Chauncey Brewster Tinker, of the English department of the university. The undergraduate speaker was Elliot E. Brainard of East Orange, N. J., and Brown University was represented by Professor L. K. Strachman.

Teachers College, Columbia, offers courses in education to the extent that if a student took all of the work offered, assuming that he carried the usual load of 32 semester hours a year, it would take approximately 23 years to complete the work.

Why Not?

This year Spring came upon us with something more than its customary aplomb. We spent a few fiery weeks in a turmoil which should now be allowed to remain a quiet achievement, rather than a thing to be ballyhooed-about. Instead of raking over dead ashes, for the fun of watching the last whiffs of smoke, we should forget the fire in behalf of that which we have yet to build. A purpose has been accomplished, which is too great a gain for it to be strangled by the bilious complaints of a hang-over.

Now, all the stock phrases which heretofore were often silly, false, and disgusting, have taken on a new significance. The chiefest of these is co-operation. At last, it means something more than the traditional rot which is handed down from class to class, in colleges. It means more than the mere blah-blah of those lovely-minded people who, wherever they are, tie pink bows of cheap sentiment on everything within their reach.

Perhaps we as a college have the rare distinction of visualizing this word, co-operation, without the ribbons of the simple-minded, wrapping it in thick wads.

We must co-operate so that we may insure the success of our new terms; that we may restore campus-life upon a more balanced basis; that we may show our original earnestness, and genuineness; that we may fulfill the various extra-curricular demands which are incumbent upon us. This is not the time for those who never before considered attending other institutions, to bruit about in gusty voices, that they are contemplating a change simply because they are "fed-up"; that is not a reason.

Courtesy is being shown to us by those whom we opposed. Courtesy, on our part, is due. It is necessary that we maintain an attitude of honest friendliness, which is only the sporting thing to do, if it is nothing else.

Lewis Hammond.

MEET IN WASHINGTON

The American Council on Education will hold its annual convention in Washington May 7 and 8. This gathering is being held in cooperation with the National Research Council. St. Stephen's College, which recently has been instituted a member of the council, will be represented by President Bell. Members of the council consist of most of the better colleges and universities and all educational foundations. The council devotes itself to bringing about national cooperation in higher educational problems.

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ethical leadership with respect to such an issue as war?" That the right exists in theory no one will deny, but the fact remains that the colleges have been, on the whole, simply plastic clay in the hands of government officials whom few indeed regard as moral leaders. Witness, e. g., the manner in which the colleges were perverted or exalted, as the case required, during the recent war, or more recently the inroads which the R. O. T. C. movement has made on American campuses. Truth? Ethics? In the dictionary Sherlock.

What connection has this with the point in question? In accordance with our American legal assumptions, the corporation known as a college or university is usually identical with the board of trustees or directors, i. e., with the captains of industry, the men of affairs, and the "factors" of the hinterland cities. Identical, i. e., in law so that the trustees have a formal right to enforce their own judgment of any academic question. This however, is always considered as a formal one. For example, when Beard, Robinson, et al were dropped from Columbia a few years ago, the trustees were of course not concerned with such an academic detail. Likewise trustees were indifferent to the Nearing and Micklejohn cases and the Tennessee shake-up. In a word, these men do not exercise their formal right to vote upon academic details as contrasted with financial management. Instead they employ a president, who is their special expert of control. He is selected, not by his academic peers, but by the trustees: hence we get generals, successful promoters, expert newspaper men, glib clergymen, engineers or politicians as college and university presidents. A president chosen by the faculty would not perplex the intelligent layman. His prejudice in favor of a college president as a man of culture would not receive so many shocks. However, a president chosen by a board of trustees is answerable, not to professional educators, but to

a board most of whose members are chosen because of financial standing or ability, or because of some other non-academic relationship. The president, however, is expected to fill the double role of educational leader and financial manager.

For his educational policies as well as his financial management the president is responsible to the trustees alone. They accept him as their expert in education, as they accept an attorney in matters of law. He is therefore not answerable to the faculty for his acts, hence he practically controls appointments, promotions, etc. His power is academic, yet it is the power of the purse. Exceptions? Yes, a very few.

Hence the system of administration gravitates toward the level of those who fill the purse, and promotions will go predominately to those toward whom the president and trustees feel comfortable.

Thus it comes about that the spirit of our ailing industrial order has infected our colleges and universities, and it is something to the credit of these alert American undergraduates who are dissatisfied that they see the discrepancy between this and what they believe should be the proper academic spirit.

RECITAL IN GYM.

Sunday evening, April 11, Lodter '28 and Morrill '28 will give a piano and violin recital in the Gymnasium at 8 o'clock. The program follows:

Part I

- 1. Valse-Fantasia Glinka
- 2. LeDimanche au Village, E. Cousin
- 3. Le Prophete (Marche) Meyerbeer

Part II

- 1. Polonaise (C sharp minor) Chopin
Piano Solo
- 2. Scherzo D. van Goens
- 3. Valse Lente (Delibes) W. Meyer
- 4. Concertino Militaire Basil Althaus

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lations are heeded, there will be no need of action on the part of outside health authorities, and the matter may be easily and comfortably handled. He advises everyone on campus to drink plenty of water, keep plenty of fresh air in his rooms, exercise in the open, get plenty of sleep and keep a cheerful mind.

In approving of the notice placing the campus under voluntary quarantine, Dr. J. E. Vigeant, Health officer for this region, wished warning to be given that anyone who left campus on account of the fever will be liable to quarantine in his home or wherever else he may have gone, and his household with him, if notice of such action comes to his knowledge.

If the situation becomes no worse, there will be no serious curtailment of the college program. Otherwise every department of activities will suffer.

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pital, still in operation after 20 years of service. This vessel, run under charitable auspices, is used to carry sick babies from the slums of Boston out on the harbor for sea-breeze treatment. During the war Professor Packard did work in the largest scientific instrument manufactory in the world, the Taylor Company, of Rochester.

Ill health forced him to leave business and enter upon the profession of teaching, whereupon he went to the faculty of Syracuse University.

Professor Packard is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, with the degree of B. S., but in addition has had four years of work at Brown. At the Massachusetts Institute he specialized in naval architecture and mechanical engineering. He is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

PLAYS ON MAY 5

The joint performance of "The Man and the Manicure" and the "Man Who Married A Dumb Wife" is now definitely scheduled for Wednesday, May 5. It is hoped that the long delay and consequent additional number of rehearsals will help to give a "professional" finish to the plays.

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The 1926 spring sports will get under headway at St. Stephen's on April 16 and 17 respectively. On the former date, the varsity netmen will meet the Swarthmore tennis team in a match on the Annandale courts, and on the latter date the varsity lacrosse team will stack up against the Yale squad at New Haven.

Lacrosse candidates are now practicing out of doors under the direction of Coach Bray. The netmen, however, find it necessary to confine their practice to indoor workouts in the gymnasium inasmuch as the courts are still quite wet and not fit for use. According to Manager Dodd, it is quite possible that the tennis men will practice in the gym for the next few days while new clay is being put on the courts and they are rolled and prepared for playing.

Ferris and Titus, both of the class of '26, are the only two veterans to

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report for tennis this season. The loss of Willard, Andrews, and Myers, men who graduated last June, will be keenly felt. Among the junior varsity men of last year and others who are expected to report within the next few days are Faerber, Lown, Dodd and Morrill.

No Elimination Matches

Coach Bray, Dr. James Wilson, assistant coach, and Paul Titus, manager, have been named a selection committee to pick the varsity for this year. The formation of this committee is expected to do away with the annual elimination contests which have been the means of picking the varsity in past seasons.

Tennis Schedule

The tennis schedule for this year includes besides the game with Swarthmore here, games with Colgate at Hamilton, April 23; R. P. I. at Troy, April 24; Middlebury at Annandale, April 30; Drexel at Annandale, May 21; Middlebury away May 26; Vermont away, May 27. Arrangements are also being made to play two matches with the Poughkeepsie Tennis Club. Games for the junior varsity are being arranged with the Kingston High School, Albany High School and N. Y. M. A.

Because of the poor condition of Zabriskie field, Coach Bray has had the lacrosse candidates practice on the stretch of campus north of the entrance drive. More than 40 men have reported for lacrosse this season and present indications point to a fairly successful season.

WHAT OTHERSTHINK

JUST INTERESTED

Quite recently there was a student upheaval at Yale and as a result that university has become one of the few colleges in the country where compulsory chapel is not enforced. Now the interesting thing about this little item of news is not so much the rebellion itself as that it calls pointed attention to the astounding ubiquity of the institution from which the rebels broke away.

Why should there be required chapel at all colleges whether they are fostered by some branch of the Christian faith or not? The answer seems inevitably dependent on the psychology of religion which is a very curious one, being indeed but a hang-over of the time honored theory that if the deity is not worshipped by all present he will desert the altar; therefore it naturally follows that if a majority of the people in a given place are desirous of adoring some one god or gods, the minority, alas, is in for a life punctuated with bore-some seances. The analogy between this and compulsory chapel is striking. If the poor outnumbered agnostics and atheists have not sense enough to go to chapel to save their own souls, if any, they must go to save those of their Christian brothers. So you see, that the logic that motivates required chapel can not be questioned. Quod erat demonstrandum.

JOHN M. MYERS, '28.

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SPORTS EDITORIAL

According to the schedule printed in last week's issue of the Lyre Tree we are to have one intercollegiate home game this spring. This will be played at Poughkeepsie on Monday, April 26, against the Oxford-Cambridge aggregation from England. Neither the strength of that team nor of our own varsity is known and there is all the possibility in the world of that match being one of the best to be played in the east this season.

The players alone cannot win the game. We are confronted with the same story that we have during the football season—**THE STUDENT BODY MUST GIVE ITS SUPPORT.** Let's begin thinking now how we are going to get to Poughkeepsie on April 26. The Poughkeepsie authorities have promised to give their aid in making it a gala affair and certainly the college—to a man—must be there in order to prove to Poughkeepsians that we are 100 per cent behind our teams.

**WORTH
IN SPORT
KNOWING**

Our tennis schedule this year includes two games with Middlebury. The Middlebury newspaper thinks well of us as wit: "Middlebury is establishing athletic relations with the little college on the Hudson river in nearly every sport this year and finds all their teams are strong."

The combined Oxford-Cambridge lacrosse team opened its American tour in Washington on April 3 against the University of Maryland squad. They played an even game in the first half but did not show up so well in the last half and as a result lost their first game by a 11 to 4 score.

New York University, which will be met by the varsity on April 30, also suffered defeat on Saturday. They lost to the Navy by a 4 to 1 score.

The Games Committee has chosen Haverford College as the scene for the Middle Atlantic States Conference Tennis championships, which will be held on May 21 and 22. The preliminary elimination matches will be played on May 15 at Susquehanna University, New York University and Johns Hopkins University. To these institutions which represent the three districts, colleges from each locality will send their contenders.

Two prizes are at stake, one going to the winner of the singles and the other to the team having the highest

score. Last year Swarthmore won the team prize.

At the request of a student we print the following in this column:

PRAYER OF A SPORTSMAN

Dear Lord, in the battle that goes on thru life

I ask but a field that is fair,
A chance that is equal with all in the strife,

A courage to strive and to dare;
And if I should win, let it be by the code,

With my faith and my honor held high;

And if I should lose, let me stand by the road

And cheer as the winners go by!

And Lord, may my shouts be ungrudging and clear,

A tribute that comes from the heart,
And let me not cherish a snarl or a sneer,

Or play any sniveling part.

Let me say, "There they ride on whom laurel's bestowed

Since they played the game better than I."

Let me stand with a smile by the side of the road

And cheer as the winners go by!

So grant me to conquer, if conquer I can

By proving my worth in the fray.
But teach me to lose like a Regular Man

And not like a craven, I pray.
Let me take off my hat to the warriors who strode

To victory splendid and high,
Yea, teach me to stand by the side of the road

And cheer as the winners go by!

—Berton Braley, in American Tyler Keystone.

**Vladimir Drozdoff
Plays at Recital**

Mr. Vladimir Drozdoff gave a piano recital in the gymnasium, Monday, evening, April 5. This was Mr. Drozdoff's second concert at St. Stephen's. The program was varied and included several compositions by Mr. Drozdoff himself. The program follows:

- CHOPIN—Sonata B flat minor, Opus 35.
- Grave
- Sherzo
- March funebre
- Presto

DROZDOFF—(a) Ave Maria. This tone-fragment is influenced by the moment in Anatole France's "Holy Satyr" when the monk, torn by soul-struggle, falls asleep to the ringing of evening bells.

(b) A crepus culare dance.

(c) A. R. Koraloff's Sheherezade Reminiscence.

WAGNER—The last scene from the Valkyrie.

GRIEG—The Brook.

MOUSSORGSKY—(a) Baba Jaga.

(b) Gate of Colossus.

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THE INTERCAMPUS

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., has announced the launching of a nationwide movement by Phi Beta Kappa, national honorary scholastic society, to raise a sesquicentennial fund of \$1,000,000 for advancement of the cause of scholarship.

When the fund is obtained, a sum shall be provided for the erection of a memorial building at William & Mary College, to commemorate the Fifty Founders. At present the fraternity has 107 chapters and 40,000 members.

The remainder of the fund will be devoted as follows: the society will offer annually a grand prize of \$10,000 for distinction in teaching—open to all college teachers or attainment in scholarship—open to all college graduates of not more than ten years' standing. There will be numerous grants to chapters beyond this for the aid of scholarship, teaching, production or constructive experiment.

In his address Rockefeller remarked: "Since the war our colleges and universities have not only become more crowded than ever, but have been crowded increasingly, it is said, by students who consider study no obligation. A condition of apathy and neglect has affected large parts of our college population. . . . Then, too, the regular staff of teachers is

overworked, and underpaid. . . Inspiration to scholarship is lacking and as a consequence scholarship is declining.

The recent action of the executive committee of the University, requiring that all checks for disbursements by managers of student activities be referred to a specified official for countersignature has come as something of a shock to the students. All ready, from Thelomathesian and from various organizations directly concerned has come a protest. It is felt, and, we believe, with cause, that this requirement of the college authorities transcends the reasonable limits of valuable advice and borders on undesirable interference.—St. Lawrence Hill News.

The Campus Problem Discussion Group of McGill University was particularly concerned recently with the age-old problem of over-emphasis of athletics and arrived at these conclusions: 1 less publicity would mean less emphasis on athletics; 2 the development of a cultural tradition would mean the substitution of literary for athletic motives; 3 the material civilization and the rewards for athletic prowess encourages over emphasis; and 4 few people if any play for the "love of the game."

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